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ELECTIONS

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1. LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS
WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 30 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.
FOUR PARTIES ARE FIELDING CANDIDATES FOR ALL THE SEATS IN
ALL TEN DEPARTMENTS. THERE ARE THE UDV-RDA, THE UPV,
THE PRA AND THE UNDD. THE UNI (UNION NATIONALE DES
INDEPENDENTS) HAS COMPLETE LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR ALL
DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT THE SAHEL WHERE IT WILL NOT COMPETE.
THE IPRA (INDEPENDENTS DU PARTI DU REGROUPEMENT
AFRICAIN) HAVE LISTS OF CANDIDATES ONLY FOR THE
DEPARTMENTS OF CENTER, CENTER-NORTH, CENTER-EAST
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AND BLACK VOLTA (26 CANDIDATES). THE GAP (GROUPE
D'ACTION POPULAIRE) HAS A LIST OF CANDIDATES ONLY
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTH (OUAHIGOYA.).

2. AMONG PROMINENT UDV-RDA CANDIDATES ARE:
GERARD KONGO OUEDRAOGO, FORMER PRIME MINISTER
(OUAHIGOYA); JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO, FORMER PRESIDENT

OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, (OUAGADOUGOU); JOSEPH CONOMBO, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER (OUAGADOUGOU); DOUAMBA TINGA, PRESENT MINISTER OF HEALTH (OUAGADOUGOU); AUGUSTIN WININGA, MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (TENKODOGO); YENTANGOU THIOMBIANO, CHIEF OF THE GOURMANCHES (FADA-N'GOURMA); AMADOU TAMBOURA, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (DORI); OUMAROU DAO, MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DEDOUGOU).

3. AMONG PROMINENT UPV CANDIDATES ARE: JOSEPH KI-ZERBO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF UPV (DEDOUGOU); ALFRED KABORE, FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OUAGADOUGOU); ALI LANKOANDE, FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION (FADA N'GOURMA); PIERRE ADAMA TRAORE, FORMER MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS (BOBO DIOULASSO); HENRI GUISSOU, POLITICAL SECRETARY OF UPV. (KOUDOUGOU)

4. PROMINENT CANDIDATES IN OTHER PARTIES ARE: HERMAN YAMEOGO, SON OF FORMER PRESIDENT MAURICE YAMEOGO, UNDD CANDIDATE IN KONDOUGOU; EMMANUEL ZOMA, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, UNDD CANDIDATE IN KOUDOUGOU; MOUSSA KARGOUGOU, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, UNDD CANDIDATE IN KAYA.

5. MEANWHILE, FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES (UDV-RDA, UNI, PRA, IPRA, AND GAP) HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR SUPPORT

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FOR PRESIDENT LAMIZANA FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. IN SPITE OF THE UDV-RDA DECISION, JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WITH THE SUPPORT OF SOME UDV-RDA MEMBERS WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE "FRONT DU REFUS". PROFESSOR JOSEPH KI-ZERBO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UPV HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY HIS PARTY AS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE UNDD OF FORMER PRESIDENT MAURICE YAMEOGO HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE. EVERYONE, OF COURSE, IS IMPATIENTLY AWAITING THE DECISION OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, WHO HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY DECLARED HIS INTENTIONS, BUT WHO MUST DO SO TONIGHT BEFORE MIDNIGHT (MARCH 30).

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